of Public Enterprises collect and maintain information only on Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE). The latest information available pertains to year 2001-02. The Public Enterprises (PE) Survey 2001-02 which contains above information on all aspects of CPSEs including profits, investment etc. was placed in both houses of Parliament on 3.2.2003. As on 31.3.2001 and 31.3.2002 there were 250 and 240 CPSEs respectively. CPSEs are categorised in 21 different corgnate groups. The total investment of Central Government in CPSEs was rs. 120839 crore as on 31.3.2001 and Rs. 143205 crore as on 31.3.2002. the cognate group wise investment figures are available in statement 17 and 18B and profit figures in statement 7A and 7B of PE survey of respective years. The return on investment (ratio of Profit before Interest and Tax to capital employed) for these CPSEs during 2000-01 and 2001 -02 was 14.7% and 16.2% respectively.

Status of Cement Corporation of India

797. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to sell off the sick units of Cement Corporation of India (CCI); and

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government to bifurcate its profit earning Bokajan Unit and float it as a separate public sector company?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE): (a) CCI has been declared sick by the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR).The BIFR has directed Operating Agency (OA) the Industrial Financial Corporation of India Ltd. (IFCI) to process the sale of CCI as a whole, or its plants individually or collectively. The BIFR has constituted an Assets Sale Committee (ASC) for this purpose.

(b) No such decision has been taken.